IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Setsuo KAJIWARA et al.

Serial No. NEW : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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ALLOY-BASED NANO-CRYSTAL TEXTURE AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME (Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No. 10/419,119, Filed April 21, 2003) THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified continuation application as follows: